

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ms. Lori Cuomo on 9/24/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 126, Line 5: --generally parallel to the first coil axis-- has been inserted between "axis" and "; and".

Claim 126, Line 7: "in an intersection" has been changed to --, forming a plurality of intersections--.

Claim 126, Line 9: "the intersection of the first and second coils are attached to" has been changed to --at each intersection, the first and second coils are attached to each other and--.

Claim 126, Line 10: --the overlapping-- has been inserted between "by" and "portions".

Claim 126, Line 12: --fully-- has been inserted between "a" and "deployed".

Claim 126, Line 15: "in the deployed state" has been deleted.

Claim 127, Line 4: "above in the deployed state" has been changed to --above when not in the fully deployed state--.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for the allowance of the claims is that the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests the inclusion of the limitation of "comprises:

a first coil extending from a first end to a second end of the coil along a first coil axis;

at least a second coil extending generally from a first end to a second end of the coil along a second coil axis generally parallel to the first coil axis; and

the second coil intersecting the first coil in at least partially overlapping side by side relation, forming a plurality of intersections along the first and second coil axes;

wherein:

at each intersection, the first and second coils are attached to each other and form an internal truss defined by the overlapping portions of the first and second coils wherein the internal truss forms a generally upright linear configuration as viewed from an axial end in a fully deployed state; and

a respective plurality of the internal trusses generally form a repeating pattern of upright ovals along the first and second coil axes when viewed from a side" (Claim 1).

The closest prior art of record, Kirsch et al, Gibbs and Sieffert taken as a whole, disclose a fence system significantly as claimed, but does not provide any teaching,

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suggestion, or motivation to modify the prior art as such. There is no cogent reasoning that is unequivocally independent of hindsight that would have led one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the prior art to obtain the applicant's invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSHUA T. KENNEDY whose telephone number is (571)272-8297. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on (571) 272-7087. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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